

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 25, 27, 29 through 32, and 49 through 52 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 33, 40, 41, 48, 53, 57, and 61 have been amended, and new claims 62 through 74 have been added.

1. - 32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

transmitting from a first terminal to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

receiving by the first terminal from the server a second message comprising a network address identifying the resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server;

after receiving the second message, transmitting a first request from the first terminal directly to the resource at the network address;

after receiving an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource, transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal a third message comprising the network address; and

after receiving a notification that the resource sending sends out directly to the at least one other terminal an acknowledgement of a second request directly sent from the at least one other terminal, causing at least in part by the first terminal a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal via the resource to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein the transmitting the third message further comprises transmitting from the first terminal to at least two other terminals the third message comprising the network address, and wherein the initiating further comprises initiating a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish the conference call between the first terminal and the said other terminals.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein the first, second and third messages are session initiation protocol messages.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the transmitting from a first terminal to the server, the first message is an INVITE message.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the receiving from the server, the second message is a redirection message.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein in the transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal, the third message is a REFER message.

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein in the receiving by the first terminal, the network address is a uniform resource identifier.

41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus which is a first terminal to perform at least the following, transmit to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

receive from the server a second message comprising a network address identifying the resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server; after receiving the second message, transmit a first request directly to the resource at the network address;

after receiving an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource, transmit to at least one other terminal a third message comprising the network address; and

after receiving a notification that the resource sending sends out directly to the at least one other terminal an acknowledgement of a second request directly sent from the at least one other terminal, cause at least in part a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal via the resource to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to transmit the third message to at least two terminals, and to cause at least in part a connection from the apparatus to the network address to establish the conference call between the apparatus and the terminals.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the apparatus is further caused to transmit the first and third messages as SIP messages.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the apparatus is further caused to transmit the first message as an INVITE message.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein in the apparatus is further caused to receive, from the server, the second message as a redirection message.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to transmit, to at least one terminal, the third message as a REFER message.

48. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein ~~in the apparatus~~ is further caused to receive the network address as a uniform resource identifier.

49. - 52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving from a first terminal at a server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

allocating by the server a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call;

transmitting from the server to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

receiving directly by the resource at the network address a first request from the first terminal that has transmitted the second message;

sending an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource to the first terminal;

receiving by the resource a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received from the first terminal a third message comprising the network address;

sending an acknowledgement of the second request directly from the resource to the at least one other terminal; and

causing at least in part by the resource a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication, ~~and~~

~~wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.~~

54. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the first and second messages are session initiation protocol messages.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

57. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a server and a resource,
the server comprising at least one processor; and
at least one memory including computer program code,
the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the server to perform at least the following,
receive from a first terminal a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;
allocate a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; and
transmit to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,
the resource comprising at least one processor; and
at least one memory including computer program code,
the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the server to perform at least the following,
receive directly at the network address a first request from the first terminal that has transmitted the second message;

send an acknowledgement of the first request directly to the first terminal;
receive a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received
from the first terminal a third message comprising the network address;
send an acknowledgement of the second request directly to the at least one other terminal;
and
causing at least in part a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other
terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said
at least other terminal,
wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first
terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication, ~~and~~
~~wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.~~

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the messages are session initiation protocol messages.

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

61. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein [[in]] the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.

62. (New) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.

63. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.

64. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

65. (New) The system according to claim 57, wherein the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.

66. (New) The system according to claim 57, wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

67. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving directly by a resource capable of sustaining a conference call and reachable at a network address a first request from a first terminal that requests a server for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call and receives the network address identifying the resource;

sending an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource to the first terminal;

receiving by the resource a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received from the first terminal a message comprising the network address;

sending an acknowledgement of the second request directly from the resource to the at least one other terminal; and

causing at least in part by the resource a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

68. (New) The method according to claim 67, wherein the message is a session initiation protocol message.

69. (New) The method according to claim 67, wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

70. (New) The method according to claim 67, wherein the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.

71. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus capable of sustaining a conference call and reachable at a network address to perform at least the following,

receive directly a first request from a first terminal that requests a server for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call and receives the network address identifying the resource;

send an acknowledgement of the first request directly to the first terminal;

receive a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received from the first terminal a message comprising the network address;

send an acknowledgement of the second request directly to the at least one other terminal;

and

cause, at least in part, a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

72. (New) The apparatus according to claim 71, wherein the message is a session initiation protocol message.

73. (New) The apparatus according to claim 71, wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

74. (New) The apparatus according to claim 71, wherein the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.